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SUBJ: CLASHES IN SOUTH

1. IN INTERVIEW LAST NIGHT WITH YAR PRESIDENT
ALI ABDALLAH SALIH, HE ASKED ME IF I HAD HEARD OF
CONTINUING CLASHES IN THE SOUTH. I SAID WE HAD
SOME INFORMATION TO THAT EFFECT BUT OUR INTELLIGENCE
WAS INCOMPLETE.

2. HE SAID AT ONCE THAT FIGHTING IS CONTINUING AND
IN PART BECAUSE OF PEOPLE "SENT AND PAID" BY HIM.

3. THIS MORNING, JULY 26, IN MEETING WITH AHMAD
HAMDANI, YAR MINISTER OF ECONOMY, WHO IS ADVISOR
TO PRESIDENT, EMBOFF MCATEER AND I WERE TOLD THAT TEAMS
SUPPORTED FROM YEMEN HAD KILLED BROTHER AND RIGHT-HAND
MAN OF PDYR PRESIDENT ALI NASIR MOHAMMED. HAMDANI AFFIRMED
THAT YAR WAS HELPING UPRISING IN THIRD AND FOURTH
PROVINCES WHERE HE SAID DATHINIS, AWLAQIS AND YAF AIS
WERE NOW IN REVOLT. THESE GROUPS HAD ALWAYS PROVIDED

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THE MUSCLE IN SOUTH YEMEN AND THEIR CONTINUING
OPPOSITION TO GOVERNMENT WAS KEY TO PRESSURES THAT
WOULD LEAD REGIME OVER PERIOD OF TIME TO CRACK WITH
EMERGENCE OF "ANOTHER SALIM RUBAYI ALI."

COMMENT: WITH BOTH PRESIDENT AND HAMDANI I MADE
CASE THAT MOST EFFECTIVE PRESSURES AGAINST SOUTH WOULD

BE POLITICAL, DIPLOMATIC AND ECONOMIC. SUBVERSION
WAS LIKELY TO BACKFIRE. HOWEVER, IT IS CLEAR THAT THIS
GOVERNMENT WILL FIND IT HARD TO RESIST OPPORTUNITY TO
MAKE TROUBLE IN PDRY IN LATTER'S TERRITORY.
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